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CITY OF CHICO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT COULD SATISFY PORTION OF PENALTY FOR EFFLUENT VIOLATIONS AT WASTEWATER PLANT

REDDING - The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer (EO) has proposed that the Board accept a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to satisfy a portion of an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint for effluent violations at the City of Chico's Water Pollution Control Plant.

The Supplemental Environmental Project will satisfy \$68,019 of the total \$100,000 Complaint.

The original violation involved electrical malfunctions which caused the chlorination/ dechlorination system (disinfection system) at the plant to malfunction creating a violation of permitted effluent limitations for chlorine residual.

The SEP would support a monitoring project through December 2009. The Project assesses and monitors water quality in the Big Chico Creek Watershed area. It includes education and outreach efforts promoting understanding of the impact of certain actions on watershed health. The Project is administered by the Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board will consider public comments on the SEP for a period of 30 days before the Order becomes effective.

